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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 6160

BILL NUMBER: SB 544

NOTE PREPARED: Nov 4, 2010

BILL AMENDED:

SUBJECT: East Chicago School Board.

FIRST AUTHOR: Sen. Randolph

FIRST SPONSOR:

BILL STATUS: As Introduced

FUNDS AFFECTED: X GENERAL
DEDICATED
FEDERAL

IMPACT: State & Local

Summary of Legislation: The bill provides for the election rather than the appointment of the members of the school board for the city of East Chicago. It provides for a nine-member East Chicago school board to be elected beginning at the primary election in 2012. The bill provides that six members of the school board are elected from districts and three members are elected at large. It adds certain other provisions concerning the organization of the governing body.

Effective Date: July 1, 2011.

Explanation of State Expenditures: The State Board of Education would be required to establish balloting procedures for the election of all School City of East Chicago (SCEC) governing body members. The Board would be able to carry out this provision within existing resources. The Board typically is scheduled to meet 11 or 12 times per year.

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures: *Summary-* Currently, the SCEC governing body has five members. The impact to local expenditures would be from the salary, per diem allowance, and other expenses for the additional four members provided under the bill.

Circuit Court Clerk: The Lake County Circuit Court Clerk would see a small increase in administrative time to process candidacy filings for the East Chicago School Board.

Background: The board members are currently appointed by the mayor of East Chicago and have staggered terms in a two-one-two format. One term expires on June 30, 2012, one term on June 30, 2011, and two terms expired June 30, 2010.

Explanation of Local Revenues:

State Agencies Affected: State Board of Education.

Local Agencies Affected: Lake County Elections Board; School City of East Chicago.

Information Sources: School City of East Chicago; Department of Education website: www.doe.state.in.us.

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